



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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In order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time **our Catholic churches are closed to the public.**

Fr Vincent is missing us – he continues to say Mass and pray for us every day.

Sunday 31st May: Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

Word: Acts 2: 1-11; Psalm 103; 1Cor 12: 3-7,12-13; Jn 14: 15-16, 23-26

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season. Page 429

Prayers of the Faithful for Pentecost Sunday

On this day of Pentecost we pray:

Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

We pray that we may all stay faithful to the Spirit we have been given, and may proclaim our faith in Christ through the way we live.

We remember the children who should have been making their First Holy Communion this weekend – we share their (and their catechists') disappointment, and pray that their day will come soon.

We pray that the Spirit of Jesus may encourage and strengthen us during this Coronavirus pandemic.

We pray for the Church, and the parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Fairford with Cricklade, and the Core Church in Melksham. Gervase O'Donohoe

Monday 1st June: Word: Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Acts Gn 3: 9-15, 20; Psalm 86; Jn 19: 25-34

Hours: Psalter 1

Tuesday 2nd June: Word: 2Pt 3: 11-15, 17-18; Psalm 89; Mk 12: 13-17.

Hours: Psalter 1

Wednesday 3rd June: Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Word: 2Tim 1: 1-3, 6-12; Psalm 122; Mk 12: 18-27.

Hours: Psalter 1

Thursday 4th June: Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest

Word: Gen 22: 9-18; Psalm 39; Mt 26: 36-42

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Feast

Friday 5th June: Memorial of St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

Word: 2Tim 3: 10-17; Psalm 118; Mk 12: 35-37

Hours: Psalter 1

Saturday 6th June: Word: 2Tim 4: 1-8; Psalm 70; Mk 12: 38-44

Hours: Psalter 1

Thanks to everyone who took part in the 24-hour Pentecost Prayer Vigil: Over 70 people signed up to pray, and others joined in prayer when able, including Christians from other churches in Melksham.

Pentecost Sunday May 31st – National Rosary Rally 9.00am to 9.00pm: Pope Francis is encouraging us to pray the Rosary in our homes during the month of May. He encourages simple Rosaries to pray to Our Lady for deliverance from Covid-19 and he has composed two prayers for this intention (*see below*).

Following the Pope's request, we are invited to join in an initiative; the Pentecost Sunday National Rosary Rally, from 9.00am to 9.00pm across Scotland, England and Wales. Each Diocese has a designated Rosary Hour, during which parishioners are encouraged to pray the Rosary. It does not matter what time during the specified hour that the Rosary is prayed. **Clifton Diocese has been asked to pray a Rosary Hour at 1.00pm.**

Urgent Message Melksham Food Bank: There has been a huge rise in the number needing the Food Bank. To donate food items, please use either the designated trollies in the Supermarkets or deliver to the Baptist Church. Items needed - cans of meat, vegetables and fruit, pots of jam, crisps. Do not send chilled, or frozen foods or fresh fruit or vegetables as these cannot be stored. Thank you.

Collections: Some parishioners have asked how they can continue to make their offerings while our churches are closed. This will be much appreciated. If you normally put cash or a cheque in the collection plate during Mass, you could now donate via your bank. We realise that the current emergency is affecting many people's income and they may not be able continue their present level of offerings; in which case, we fully understand and our prayers are with you. Payments can be made direct to our parish bank account via Internet or telephone banking. You can make individual payments whenever you like, or you can set up a Standing Order. To pay directly into our parish account- please email treasurer.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com providing your name and telephone number and we will contact you with the necessary details. Thank you.

Please pray for the following: Mrs. Rosa Menghini, Vilma D'Sousa, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey. All those suffering from coronavirus, and those finding isolation difficult.

Please note – due to GDPR regulations, we are obliged to have the consent of the person you wish to pray for (or that of a close family member) before publishing their name in the newsletter.

Diocesan Newsletter: If you would like to receive the Diocesan electronic newsletter, please visit their web page <https://cliftondiocese.com/>, scroll down the page and follow the instructions given to subscribe.

Wordsearch – Pentecost Sunday:

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| DAYBREAK | NOISE | SINAI |
| EGYPT | OBEY | SOLACE |
| ELAMITES | PARTHIANS | TOP |
| GRAVES | PEALS | VALLEY |
| HEAR | PENTECOST | |
| JOEL | POWERFUL | |

Eliminate only the words from the list to leave the following important words of the day.....

- - - - / - - - - - The words from last week were: "I am glorified"

Hilary Clifton

Just some thoughts...;

Today's new Covid-19 is "The elephant in the Zoom": The glaring issue during a videoconferencing call that nobody feels able to mention, e.g; one participant has dramatically put on weight, suddenly sprouted terrible facial hair or has a worryingly messy house visible in the background. via Hilary Clifton

Words of Wisdom:

Today

Look to this day,
For it is life,
The very life of life;
In its brief course lie all
The realities and truths of existence,
The splendour of action.
The joy of growth,
The glory of power.
For yesterday is just a memory,
And tomorrow is only a vision,
But today well lived
Makes every yesterday a memory of happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of hope
Look well, therefore, to this day!

Gold Collection, Fr Brian Darcy

Any Comments?

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter, while we are unable to gather together to worship? Please send any comments to the email address below, or 'phone the office on 01225 702128 and leave a message. Thank you.

For electronic newsletters, please email: comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

If you know of any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.

Online and Other Resources – Please keep for future reference:

Radio:

Radio Mass: RTE Radio broadcasts regular celebrations of Mass and is accessible on a standard radio, on 252 Long Wave. Please help make this known to anyone who is unable to access online resources.

Also - Premier Christian Radio live - 1332 kHz AM, City of London ...

<https://onlineradiobox.com/uk/premierchristian> Premier Christian Radio is a British Christian radio station, part of Premier (a Christian communications organisation) which is in turn wholly owned by the charity Premier Christian Media Trust. Premier Christian Radio broadcasts Christian programming including news, debate, teachings and Christian music across the United Kingdom.

Online:

Mass on the Internet: The celebration of Mass (and other devotions) can be followed on smart TVs, laptops, iPads and mobile phones, using the following links:

Britain, Ireland and the USA; <https://www.churchservices.tv/churches/>

Daily Mass said at Clifton Cathedral, 9.30 am: <https://cliftondiocese.com/>

St Osmund's Church Salisbury; daily Mass at 10.00 am <https://churchservices.tv/salisbury>

Fr Chris at St John's, Bath; Masses, Rosary and Adoration: <https://stjohnsrcbath.org.uk>.

Fr Richard at St Catherine's, Frome; now also streaming Mass <https://www.stcatharines.co.uk/> .

Our Lady of Walsingham; 24-hour coverage of devotions: <https://www.churchservices.tv/walsingham>

CAFOD hosts a live online **children's liturgy** for families, on Sundays at 10.00 am.

YouTube Mass from Trowbridge: Mass from St John the Baptist, Trowbridge, can now be accessed via YouTube: On the YouTube site, type in "Mass at Trowbridge" and search, or use the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mass+in+trowbridge

Live Mass for the Sick, their Families and Care-givers: Recognising that the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting everyone, special Masses will be celebrated for the sick, their families, care workers and NHS staff will be celebrated by one of our Bishops in his Cathedral **every Thursday at 7pm. Full schedule.** For more information visit the CBC website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

Pentecost resources for Children: Mission Together Pentecost resources help children celebrate the birthday of the Church. Usually aimed at Teachers and Catechists, the resources are currently available to download at home – please view before you print, the downloads are quite large!

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/resources-for-pentecost-2020/>

Resources for Families and Children (from Clifton Diocese Website):

Loyola Press gives tips on how to pray with children on their page [here](#) Some examples of Children's Liturgy ideas can be found on youtube.com/c/blessedsacramentexeter: Click 'playlist' where you will see recent Sunday's Children's Liturgies. You will also see 'GIFT' (Growing in Faith Together) which is, too, a lovely family resource. If you are on Facebook '[Colour and Shape](#)' is another very good resource for looking at Children's Liturgy ideas.

'Family at Prayer Book' and the leaflet for 'prayer in times of an flu/illness' are useful for parents and young adults: [Family at Prayer book](#) , [Prayer in times of an flu/illness](#)

Prayer and Other Resources: Click the text below to be taken to that particular page:

[Passing on the faith; An engaging, illustrated resource to help parents pass on the faith to their children.](#)

[Making \(more\) room for Jesus in your own home](#)

[Prayer for the world](#)

Prayers from His Holiness Pope Francis: First Prayer

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Second Prayer:

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.